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SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN BANGLADESH

A) DACCA 0356; B) STATE 017960

1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: REFTEL A GAVE FULL INFORMATION ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN BANGLADESH. THIS CABLE RESPONDS TO INFORMATION SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED BY REFTEL B. EACH OF THE 13 PROJECTS IN REFTEL B IS COMMENTED UPON SEPARATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON THE 13 PROJECTS LISTED IN REFTEL B:

(1) THIS PROJECT, "LEGISLATION AND LABOR RELATIONS" A080.20.359.001, WAS NEVER APPROVED AND HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE BDG. THE ILO TOGETHER WITH THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HAD DONE A SURVEY OF THE BANGLADESH LABOR SITUATION AND HAD MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF A SINGLE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ALL LABOR UNIONS OF BANGLADESH. THE BDG FOR POLITICAL REASONS PREFERRED NOT TO PURSUE THE PROJECT.

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(2) BDG 72-003 REPORTED IN PARA 4 REFTEL A. FUNDING FIGURES OF \$773,784 SLIGHTLY HIGHER, PROBABLY REFLECTING POST'S USE OF THE MOST CURRENT UNDP OPERATIONS SUMMARY PUBLISHED IN JULY 1976. STATE REFTEL B USES FIGURES FOR ALL PROJECTS QUOTED IN MARCH 1976 UNDP REPORT.

(3) BGD 75-021 REPORTED IN PARA 6B REFTEL A. OFFICIAL

TITLE "BANGLADESH ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION". NOW SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1978.

(4) BGD 74-011 REPORTED IN PARA 6A REFTTEL A. FULL PROJECT NOT YET APPROVED AT INCREASED FUNDING OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS. UNDP REP SAYS APPROVAL IS A SLIM POSSIBILITY.

(5) BDG 73-021 REPORTED IN PARA 6B REFTTEL A.

(6) BGD 73-016 REPORTED PARA 6A REFTTEL A. ENLARGED PROJECT FUNDING INCREASED TO \$2,210,031. PROJECT NOT YET APPROVED.

(7) BGD 73-078 REPORTED IN PARA 5 REFTTEL A. FUNDING HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$97,000 TO \$273,507.

(8) BGD 74-013 REPORTED IN PARA 6B REFTTEL A. TITLE OF PROJECT IS OFFICIALLY "LOW LIFT PUMPS"; AN ENLARGED PROJECT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR \$1,371,685.

(9) BGD 74-026 REPORTED IN PARA 6A REFTTEL A. THE PROJECT, OFFICIALLY TITLED "COTTAGE INDUSTRIES", IS NOT YET APPROVED AT THE INCREASED FUNDING OF \$800,000. A PRELIMINARY SURVEY FUNDED AT \$63,250 MAY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

(10) BGD 74-003 REPORTED IN PARA 6A REFTTEL A. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.
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(11) BGD 73-014 APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A PROJECT FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF WOMEN. THE PROJECT WAS TO HAVE BEEN DONE WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE FOUNDATION FOR REHABILITATION OF WOMEN, A BDG ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIAL, THE FOUNDATION HAD ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAMPERED THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. IT IS NO LONGER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(12) BGD 74-005 IS MENTIONED IN PARA 7 REFTTEL A. THIS PROJECT IS PROBABLY THE ONE LISTED AS BGD 74-P05 IN THE MARCH 1976 UNDP PROJECT SUMMARY. IF BGD 74-005 AND BGD 74-P05 ARE THE SAME, ITS OFFICIAL TITLE IS "POPULATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING" AND IS JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE ILO AND THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE (UNFPA). IT WAS FUNDED FOR \$114,466 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RUN FROM DECEMBER 1974 TO NOVEMBER 1976. ITS OBJECTIVE WAS "POPULATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR LABOR WELFARE OFFICERS, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL OFFICERS

AND OTHERS." THE OTHER JOINTLY ADMINISTERED ILO-UNFPA PROJECT REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A IS ENTITLED "FAMILY PLANNING-MOTIVATION AND SERVICES" - BGD 74-P04, FUNDED FOR \$163,930 AND SCHEDULED TO EXTEND FROM NOVEMBER 1974 TO OCTOBER 1977. THE TWO PROJECTS WERE DESIGNED AS A UNIT. UNDER P04, ONE ILO EXPERT VISITED BANGLADESH, PREPARED COURSES ON FAMILY PLANNING AND TRAINED LOCAL WORKERS TO GIVE THE COURSES AT THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE IN TONGI, THE INDUSTRIAL AREA NORTH OF DACCA. AT LEAST ONE OF THE COURSES HAS BEEN GIVEN, SPONSORED UNDER PROJECT P05.

(13) THIS PROJECT WAS MENTIONED IN PARA 7 REFTEL A. MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED TO EXPAND THE FACILITIES AT THE MARINE DIESEL TRAINING CENTER IN NARAYANGANJ. TWO ILO EXPERTS ARE NOW AT THE CENTER. THERE IS AN ACTIVE TRIPARTITE ADVISORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE, BUT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE RIVALRY AMONG WORKERS UNIONS TO PLACE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN ADEQUATE, ALTHOUGH THE ILO EXPERTS REPORTEDLY HAVE BECOME EASILY FRUSTRATED BY THE SLOWNESS WITH WHICH BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED IN BANGLADESH. THE TRAINING CENTER AND HENCE THE PROJECT IS HAMPERED BY THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO HIRE WELL-QUALIFIED LOCAL INSTRUCTORS.

3. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS LAST YEAR ESTABLISHED A TRIPARTITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE TRIPARTITE PARTICIPATION IN ILO PROJECTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS MET TWICE, ONCE IN JULY AND ONCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1976. AT THE LATTER MEETING, THE ILO CHIEF TECHNICAL ADVISOR EXPLAINED VARIOUS ILO PROJECTS. AT THAT TIME, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATION EXPRESSED SOME INITIAL INTEREST IN DRAFTING A PROJECT OF THEIR OWN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ILO EXPERT. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE DRAFT. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF LABOR OFFICIAL, THE TRIPARTITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN USEFUL IN EDUCATING THE NON-GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS. A THIRD MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED.

4. DURING THE FIRST YEARS OF BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE, ECONOMIC PROGRAMS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND ORGANIZING THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, IN THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS THE BDG HAS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE BOTH OF RURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION CONTROL AND HAS ENDEAVORED TO CHANNEL ITS RESOURCES ACCORDINGLY. MASTERS

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